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Skill Development for Disabled Persons
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme/initiative/policy for providing skill development and training for persons with disabilities and if so, the details thereof along with proposed targets to be achieved;

(b) the action taken by the Government to impart skill development and training to persons with disabilities, State/UT-wise including Telangana during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the status and progress in coverage of skill development programme/initiatives for persons with disabilities in the country till date, State/UT-wise including Telangana;

(d) the amount of funds sanctioned/ released/utilized and employment provided in this regard during the above period, State-UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including Rajasthan in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

(a) to (f) The Government endeavours to ensure that skilling needs of differently abled persons are taken care of through various skill development programmes. In order to provide employable skills to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), the following measures have been taken:-

i. Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) run by various training organisations under the scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS).
ii. Skill Training programme is being conducted by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC), a Public Sector Undertaking and seven National Institutes under the administrative control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
iii. 21 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) under the administrative control of Ministry of Labour and Employment located at various parts of the country.
iv. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities have entered into a partnership by signing an MoU for skilling in PwD sector.
v. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana targets to train 50,000 Persons with Disabilities.
vi. A Sector Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities has been set up to develop standards for job roles for Persons with Disabilities and their training, assessment and certification. The Council has identified 6 Qualification Packs based on the suitability of 19 disabilities.

In order to create employment opportunities for Persons with Disabilities through self-employment, financial assistance is provided to them through National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC). The number of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) availing such assistance during the last three years which is on an increasing trend is given below:-

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
No. of PwDs	13296	13312	14703